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--Summary of the Invention--

Page 7, between lines 26 and 27, insert the following heading:

--Brief Description of the Drawings--

Page 8, before line 11, insert the following heading:

--Description of the Invention--

Add the following Abstract:

In computer-assisted ticketing systems with multiple operators, stations that provide access to services (telephone or banking or public transport) are able to separately process data on a ticket issued by another operator. The links between a consulate which provides such processing and the validator are reduced to a minimum, so that the data concerning the ticket validation processing cannot be known by one or the other of the operators. It enables interoperability through safe, discreet and decentralized techniques.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly replace claims 1-16, as follows.

1. (Amended) A multi-operator ticketing system comprising first means specific to a first operator for acquiring the content of a ticket issued by said first operator and for authorising a service according to the information acquired, and consulate means